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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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10/874,264 (03129.000100.3)	06/24/2004	William A. Linton, John Linton, Julia E. Krueger, Michael P. Dearing	3652	Pending
10/080,330 (03129.000200)	02/21/2002	Michael Dearing Gediminas Vidugiris	2876	Abandoned
10/870,938 (03129.000200.1)	06/21/2004	Michael Dearing Gediminas Vidugiris	2876	Pending
10/870,946 (03129.000200.2)	06/21/2004	Michael Dearing Gediminas Vidugiris	2876	Pending
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These commonly assigned applications are related to the subject application by 35 U.S.C. §120 priority claims. Copies of the cited U.S. Applications are not required, since each of the listed applications is in the Image File Wrapper system.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Application No. 10/874,264 filed June 24, 2004 ("the '264 Application"), which is a division of the subject application. In the '264 Application, Applicants copied, in modified form, Claims 1, 3 through 6, 8, 9, 11 through 13, 15, 17 through 21, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, and 33 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/209,348, filed July 31, 2002 (Sriharto, et al.). A copy of an October 15, 2004 Office Action that was issued in Sriharto, et al. is attached. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,857,152 and 4,118,693 were cited in Sriharto, et al. The remaining documents cited in Sriharto et al. have already been cited in the subject application.

Also attached is a copy of a November 10, 2004 Written Opinion that was received in an International application corresponding to the aforementioned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/080,330. That Written Opinion cites the following documents: U.S. Patent No. 6,793,127 B2 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0216969 A1.

Also attached is a November 23, 2004 Communication from the European Patent Office in a European counterpart to the subject application. All of the documents listed in that Communication have already been cited in the subject application.

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No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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